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Data Protection and Privacy Newsletter

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News Updates



GDPR decision coming soon for Twitter

Recently, the Ireland's Data Protection Commissioner (DPC) has wrapped up its inquiry on Twitter's compliance with the GDPR and has submitted its draft decision to supervisory offices for approval as per its press release. The probe was related to a bug in its Android app, where some users tweets were made public.

The DPC has already issued its first fine on Tusla last week. As of now the DPC is running 20 plus investigations on big techs like Apple, Facebook, Google, Instagram, LinkedIn, Tinder, Verizon and WhatsApp.



Jamaican Parliament approves Data Protection law

On May 19, The Data Protection Act was passed in the Jamaican House of Representatives. Jamaica has now joined the list of countries with data protection law. The legislation will now go for Senate debate and approval before final passage into law.





Privacy

matters

Apple questioned over Siri

Apple is questioned by Irish DPC over a letter received from a former Apple contractor turned whistleblower. The whistleblower had raised complaint over Siri, a voice assistant in Apple devices which records the user data for its improvisation.

Responding to complaint, the DPC said that it has communicated with Apple and awaits response. The DPC also confirmed that the European Data Protection Board will soon issue guidance for voice assistants technologies.

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Enforcement updates



Dutch judgment on child images

A Court in Netherland decided that a grandmother (defendant) was prohibited from posting photos on social media of her three grandchildren without the permission of her daughter (plaintiff), the children's mother. The Court ruled that it was impossible to establish with certainty that the posting of photos on social media fell under the "household exemption" under GDPR. Therefore, such posting of photos falls within the scope of the GDPR.

Three fines sanctioned by Finnish Data Protection Authority

Last week the Finnish Data Protection Authority imposed administrative fines on three companies for violations of data protection legislation. The fines are as follows

1. Posti Oy, fined EUR 100,000, for not informing data subjects of their rights.
2. Kymen Vesi Oy, fined EUR 16,000 a water supply company, for not conducting the impact assessment before tracking the location data of its employees.
3. An undisclosed entity, fined EUR 12,500 for collecting unnecessary data from employees such as religious beliefs, state of health, possible pregnancy and family status.



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